

The Historie of

Falſ. I would it were bed time *Hal*, and all well.

Prin. Why? thou oweſt God a death.

Falſ. 'Tis not due yet, I would be loth to pay him before his day: what need I be ſo forward with him that calls not on mee? Well, 'tis no matter, Honour prickes me on: yea but how if Honour prick me off when I come on? how then can Honour ſet to a leg? no, or an arme? no, or take away the grieve of a wound? no, Honour hath no ſkill in Surgerie then, no: What is Honour? a Word: What is that word Honour? Aire: a trimme reckoning. Who hath it? he that died a Wednesday? Doth he feele it? no: Doth he heare it? no: 'tis inſenſible then? yea, to the dead: but will it not liue with the liuing? no: why? detraction will not ſuffer it, therefore Ile none of it; Honour is a meere Skutchion; and ſo ends my Catechiſme.

Exit.

Enter Worceſter, and ſir Richard Vernon.

Wor. O no, my Nephew muſt not know, *Sir Richard*, The liberall kind offer of the King.

Ver. 'Twere beſt he did.

Wor. Then are we all vndone,
It is not poſſible, it cannot be,
The King would keepe his word in louing vs,
He will ſuſpect vs ſtill, and find a time,
To poniſh this offence in others faults;
Suppoſition, all our liues, ſhall be ſtucke full of eyes,
For Treason is but truſted like the Foxe,
Who neuer ſo tame, ſo cheriſht, and lockt vp,
Will haue a wilde trick of his anceſters:
Looke how he can, or ſad or merrily:
Interpretation will miſquote our lookes,
And we ſhall feed like Oxen at a ſtall,
The better cheriſht, ſtill the nearer death.
My Nephews treſpaſſe may be well forgot,
It hath the excuſe of youth, and heate of blood,
And an adopted name of Priuiledge,
A haire-braind *Heiſtur*, governed by a ſpleene,
All his offences liue vpon my head,
And on his Fathers. We did traine him on,
And his corruption being tane from vs.

Henry the Fourth.

We as the Spring of all, ſhall pay for all:
Therefore good Coofen, let not *Harry* know
In any caſe, the offer of the King.

Enter Hot.

Ver. Deliuer what you wil, Ile ſay tis ſo. Here comes

Hot. My vnckle is returnd,

Deliuer vp my Lord of Weſtmerland:

Vnckle, what newes?

Wor. The King will bid you Battell preſently.

Dow. Deſie him by the Lord of Weſtmerland.

Hot. Lord *Dowglas*, go you and tell him ſo.

Dow. Mary and ſhall, and very willingly.

Wor. There is no ſeeming mercy in the King.

Hot. Did you beg any? God forbid.

Wor. I told him gently of your grieuances,
Of his Oath-breaking: which he mended thus,
By now forſwearing that he is forſworne,
He calls vs Rebels, Traytors, and will ſcourage
With haughty armes, this hatefull name in vs.

Dow. Arme Gentlemen, to armes, for I haue thr
A braue Deſiance in King *Henries* teeth;
And *Weſtmerland* that was ingag'd did beare it,
Which cannot chuſe but bring him quickly on.

Wor. The Prince of Wales ſtept forth before the K
And Nephew, challeng'd you to ſingle fight.

Hot. O, would the quarrell lay vpon our heads,
And that no man might draw ſhort breath to day,
But I and *Harry Monmouth*: tell me, tell me,
How ſhewd his talking? ſeem'd it in contempt?

Ver. No, by my ſoule, I neuer in my life
Did heare a Challenge vrg'd more modeſtly,
Vnleſſe a Brother ſhould a Brother dare
To gentle exerciſe and prooſe of armes,
He gaue you all the duties of a man,
Trimd vp your praifes with a princely tongue,
Spoke your deſeruings like a Chronicle,
Making you euer better then his praife,
By ſtill diſpraiſing prayſe, valued with you:
And which became him like a Prince indeed,

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